

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Our democracy cannot function without a broad marketplace of ideas. We depend on a free press to disseminate those ideas. Sinclair Broadcasting is attempting to hijack the airwaves for its own political purposes.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.